### **School Activities**

Richard Simpson Band Festival Results Congratulations to our JH/HS Band for receiving a superior rating at the Richard Simpson Band Festival in Red Oak this past Saturday! Keep up the good work!

Flag Tryouts - For those who would like to try out for next year's flag corp for the marching band should contact Mrs. Burke or Mr. Lantz. This is open to JH and HS students. Tryout times will be posted.

**State Large Group Music Contest** is this Friday, May 3rd in Lennox. Our HS choir will be performing at 7:15pm. Cost for admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Good luck to our choir!

### MS/HS Awards Program

The Scholarship and Awards Program will be Tuesday, May 7th at 1 p.m.

#### Stanton FFA

On Monday, April 29th, Clark Spencer attended the World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute. To attend, students have to first submit a 5 page research paper that covers a sustainable solution to an issue facing a country. Clark researched Niger and the country's energy issues.

Clark attended the Institute with 300 other lowa students from 90 lowa schools. Students gathered in round table settings during the morning sessions to present their research findings and potential solutions and answer questions from fellow students and professionals. In the afternoon, students participated in interactive activities and networked with others. They also heard from former youth institute participants about how it impacted their career path.

Clark is now a Borlaug Scholar and will receive a \$1000 scholarship upon admittance to lowa State University. In addition other potential scholarships and opportunities are opened up to those that are named Borlaug Scholars.

#### **Athletics**

#### Junior High Track

The junior high tracksters are hoping to be competing at SWV on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! The rain and windy weather has limited them to only one track meet so far this season! On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, they are scheduled to have meets in Griswold. Their meet that was postponed last week was rescheduled to Monday, May 13 at F-M. This group has done a great job of working hard, staying focused and being positive and it will be exciting to see them competing against other local teams again!

#### Reminder:

All negative lunch balances, textbook fees and any damage fees should be paid before the last day of school. All seniors must pay any fees accrued (including negative lunch balances) by Friday afternoon, May 10. Please make the proper arrangements to get all fees, etc. taken care as soon as possible.

# **Staff Highlights**

# Lisa Whigham - Elementary Special Education and Title I Teacher

Mrs. Whigham's hometown is Ida Grove, Iowa. She attended college at Northwest Missouri State University. Mrs. Whigham and her husband Greg have four married sons and 12 grandchildren with another one coming in September.

Her hobbies include planting flowers and playing with grandchildren. Her favorite thing about working in Stanton is that she has enjoyed working in an atmosphere where there are high expectations for the success of all students.

#### Christi Elwood - MS/HS Secretary

Mrs. Elwood's hometown is Clarinda, where she graduated from. She was lucky enough to attend the same school system from Kindergarten-Graduation. She met her husband in early 1983, married the same year, and they have 3 kids who have all graduated from Stanton. Joshua, who graduated in 2005, is married to Lindsay. Together they have 3 kids, Keegan, Kennedy and Lily. Casey, Class of 2010 is married to Mary, also 3 kids, Jeffery, Maylana and Masey. Hannah, who graduated in 2019, married Ahren Marburger in June of 2023. They have 2 dogs, Lola and Harley who keep them on their toes for now.

Mrs. Elwood enjoys spending time with family, reading, working puzzles, taking walks and traveling. When she graduated from high school, she had only been to Missouri and Nebraska, never traveled any farther than that. When she met her husband, who is an owner/operator over-the-road truck driver, she gained a few states by going on the road with him. She has now traveled to all but 5 states and looks forward to visiting 2 of those this summer.

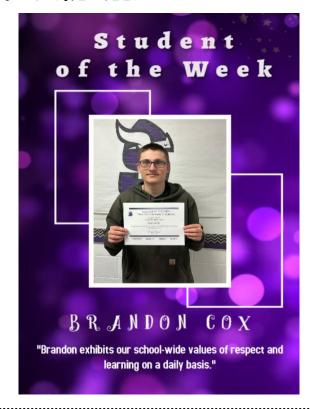
Her favorite thing about working at Stanton Schools has been the feeling of family here, getting to know all the kiddos and staff over the last several years. She has been able to enjoy some of the kids of kids who were students in her early days. It's fun when they say, "You knew my mom/dad?" They are surprised by that. Her first group of Kindergarteners graduated in 2009, so she has enjoyed many, many kiddos over the years.

#### **Upcoming Events**

4:00 JH Track at SWV
St. Large Group Music at
Bedford
HS G/B Track at F-M
7:30 Soccer at Creston
1:00 Scholarship & Awards
Program
4:00 JH Track at Griswold
6:30 Soccer vs Underwood
1:05/1:15 Early Dismissal
Boys Sectional Golf
HS District Track at Mt Ayr
Girls Regional Golf
4:00 JH Conf Track at Griswold
7:00 Soccer at Carroll
7:00 Baccalaureate program
at Mamrelund Lutheran
Church

# SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





#### Lunch and Breakfast Menu

Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast: Cereal Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Cheesy Pull -Aparts, Lettuce, Broccoli, Pears, Apple Slices, Milk

Tues, May 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast: Pancake Sausage on a Stick, Muffin, Fruit, juice, Milk

Lunch: Sausage Gravy Biscuit, Juice, Hashbrown, Tropical Fruit, Applesauce, Milk

Wed. May 8<sup>th</sup> Breakfast: Dutch Waffle, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Burrito/Hot Dog, Corn, Ranchero Beans, Pineapple, Oranges, Milk

Thurs, May 9<sup>th</sup> Breakfast: Donut Holes, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Peaches, Roll, Milk

Fri. April May 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Tri-Tater, Cantaloupe, Pears, Milk

## **Community News**

#### **Free Stanton Summer Concert Series**

Let's kick off summer right with a Downtown Concert! Thursday, May  $23^{rd}$  is the last day of school for Stanton and first night of the Stanton Summer Concert Series. Join us for Owen Justice in Concert at 7pm and check out the local Stanton Market vendors, downtown businesses Gibbs Chophouse and FIKA Coffee + Bake Shoppe plus Hawaiian Shaved Ice Lolo Snow. This event is hosted by the Stanton Chamber of Commerce with a special thanks to our sponsors, Bank Iowa, Dental Care PC, Orme Outdoors, First Interstate Bank, FMTC, John's Heating & AC, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Red Oak Chrysler.

Everyone is welcome and invited to join in on the fun of the 2024 Stanton Summer Concert Series! Food vendors and the Stanton Farmers Market will also be happening at the same time. All concerts begin at 7pm and the rain location is the Stanton Old Lumber Yard Event Center.

- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-Owen Justice in Downtown Stanton
- Wednesday, June 12th-Dan and Cheryl Case at Danny Anderson Field
- Friday, July 12th-Tyler Folkerts at the Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center
- Saturday, August 24th-Turnin' Gears at the Old Gas Station

Special thanks to the Summer Concert Series Sponsors: Bank Iowa, Dental Care PC, and Orme Outdoors. Special thanks to all Event Sponsors: First Interstate Bank, FMTC, John's Heating & AC, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Red Oak Chrysler. To sign up as a vendor, contact Jenna Ramsey at (712)829-7340 or <a href="mailto:iramsey@fmtcnet.com">iramsey@fmtcnet.com</a>.

#### Stanton Farmers Market

Attention Vendors! The 2024 Stanton Farmers Market will coincide with the Stanton Summer Concert Series. Concert nights include: Thursday, May 23rd in Downtown Stanton, Wednesday, June 12th, at Danny Anderson Field, Friday, July 12th at the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center and Saturday, August 24th at the Old Gas Station. Concert music starts at 7pm and rain location is the Stanton Old Lumber Yard Event Center. To sign up as a vendor, check out the application at <a href="https://www.stantoniowa.com">www.stantoniowa.com</a> for more information. Cost is \$25 for 4 events. This is hosted by the Stanton Chamber of Commerce.